

October 27, 2004

TO: Deputy Administrators for Management

FROM: James E. House /s/Joe Ware
Director
Office of Small and Disadvantaged
Business Utilization

SUBJECT: Change in Reporting of Fiscal Year 2004 Subcontracting Data

There has been a very recent change in our requirements to report Fiscal Year 2004 Federal subcontracting data to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy. Paper reports will no longer be accepted from large prime contractors. Instead, all prime vendors will be required to enter their FY 2004 data into the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS). Please see the attached memorandum from the Associate Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget.

Please note, this is Fiscal Year 2004 data.

Your large prime contractors should be notified of this change immediately, so they do not begin preparing paper reports. The deadline for submitting reports has been extended until February 28, 2005.

We will notify your staff when we learn about training opportunities for eSRS. Also, we will keep them informed of any on-line tools and help desk support which is supposed to be provided by the administrator of this system.

Sherry Cohen of my staff will work closely with your Procurement Offices to keep them updated on this issue. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please call me or have your staff contact sherryr.cohen@usda.gov or at (202) 720-9839.

Attachment

CC: Heads Contracting Activities
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OFFICE OF FEDERAL
PROCUREMENT POLICY

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF ACQUISITION OFFICERS
SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVES
DIRECTORS, OFFICES OF SMALL AND
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION

FROM:

Robert A. Burton
Associate Administrator

SUBJECT:

Implementation Plan for the Electronic Subcontracting
Reporting System

The contract for the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS) will be awarded October 2004. The eSRS will replace the paper Standard Form-294 (SF-294), *Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts*, and Standard Form-295 (SF-295), *Summary Subcontract Report*.

Historically, government contractors submitted the SF-295 to the procuring agency, in most cases to the Offices of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, which in turn provided the data to the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). Government contractors submitted the SF-294 for *specific contracts to the contracting office* and the data from those submittals was never consolidated government-wide. The eSRS, which is part of the integrated acquisition environment, will provide a paperless system allowing contractors to enter both of these reports into a web site (<http://www.srs.gov>). All contractors required to file both types of subcontracting reports will do so using the eSRS.

Since the original FPDS has been replaced by FPDS-Next Generation, which does not include subcontracting data, we want to make use of the improved functionality of eSRS for fiscal year (FY) 2004 subcontracting reports. Accordingly, we are extending the deadline for submission of all FY 2004 reports to February 28, 2005. This will allow the Small Business Administration to receive subcontracting data for FY 2004 in March 2005, several months earlier than they received the data from the FPDS.

Please notify contractors of this change immediately, so they do not begin preparing paper SF-294s and SF-295s. All contractors will be required to enter the data into the eSRS, and the government will not accept paper reports for the period ending September 30, 2004.

Training on the use of the eSRS will be provided to both government employees and industry representatives during the first quarter of FY 2005. In addition, the eSRS will provide on-line help tools and a fully staffed help desk. An application interface will be available so that contractors with their own automated system can download their data, in most cases, with little difficulty.

The eSRS will benefit us in many ways. In addition to eliminating tens of thousands of semi-annual paper reports, the eSRS will provide access to subcontracting data not previously available, including standard reports for determining contractor achievement of socio-economic goals and other analytical tools. The system will automatically generate delinquent notices to contractors that have not submitted timely reports and identify contractors who are delinquent on specific reports. The numerous other advantages and features will be demonstrated during the training sessions mentioned above.

Please direct any questions to Julie Basile of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, jbasile@omb.eop.gov, or at (202) 395-4821.